

DIRECTIONS FOR TESTING  
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When we find by inspection that an apparently excellent corn field has, in reality, only seventy-five per cent of a perfect stand, we realize that in a twenty acre field we are owning and operating five acres for absolutely nothing except the pleasure of work.

The test is simple and easy. The testing box is good, but a rag tester is less burdensome and just as good.

## Directions.

Take a piece of ordinary white cotton and rule with a heavy pencil as shown in Figure No. 1. Make the squares 1 1/2 or 2 inches and number consecutively. Then wet the cloth. Tag each ear with corresponding numbers by means of a bit of paste board stuck by a single nail to butt of cobb. Extract from ear, six kernels, two near top, two near butt, and two from center of ear, each two from opposite sides. Place grains on square corresponding to number of ear. Fold over the flaps of the cloth and roll up and tie. Several of these "rag dolls" may be tied together in a bundle, a rag wick tied in center of bundle and the whole placed on a board across a vessel of water. The wick will keep bundle moist.

After a week at favorable temperature, the rolls are opened and examined. Discard from the seed bin any ears that do not show six strongly germinated kernels.

## TRACKING VILLA.

It was hardly to be expected that Villa, the bandit, who must be distinguished from Villa, the commander of organized Constitutional forces, would be run down in the desert that stretches to Casas Grandes and beyond. Villa the bandit, rides with no immedients. His headquarters is in the middle. He has no need of even a mule train. He lives off the country. He can pick up new mounts on the ranches. He had about six days start of General Pershing. Ten days after crossing the line the American cavalry is 230 miles from the border, and the peons sympathize with Villa, who in their eyes is a hero.

General Pershing has established his headquarters for the time being at El Valle on the Santa Maria river, some eighty miles southeast of Casas Grandes and about 135 miles northwest of Chihuahua. He is forty miles east of the railroad on one side and fifty or more west of the main line running from El Paso to Chihuahua. The country is fairly open and has certain strategic advantages as a base for sending out expeditions both on the trail and in the air. It is imperative that General Pershing, as he cannot use the railroads, should have wagon connection with Columbus to get up his supplies. General Funston, by the way, says that the transportation of rations and equipment is a growing problem, on account of the deep sand that the trucks must force their way thru. Loads have been reduced one-half.

Villa's tactics will be no doubt to draw his pursuers deeper and deeper into the mountains if he finds them hot on his trail. He should be a shrewd judge of what American cavalrymen can do in such a country, and he knows what the strain on their heavier and unacclimated horses will be as well as the difficulty the cavalrymen will have in getting water and keeping open their communications. General Pershing was sometimes aware of the presence of Captain Lawton's troopers when they did not know that he was in their vicinity. In some parts of the Sierra Tarahumara, where Villa will seek refuge if hard pressed, a small band of men could find concealment while horsemen looked for them in vain.

To draw the Americans further and further into the wilderness and keep the expeditionary force indefinitely in the country until they wear out their welcome from the Carranzistas would naturally be Villa's plan. He made a daring cast for intervention when he raided Columbus, and he will play the game with desperate cunning to the end.

## DUNHAM.

The sick of our community are some better.

S. G. Wright made a business trip to Pikeville Thursday.

J. J. Wright and N. Bartley have almost completed their houses.

Mrs. J. H. Johnson has gone to visit her brother.

Mrs. John Newsom has returned home after a visit in Lawrence county and brought her daughter, Miss Goldia B. Newsome.

The farmers are getting busy and our roads are getting good.

Misses Martha and Sarah Morgan visited Miss Goldia Belle Newsome and Veldia May.

TULIP.

A LOCAL U. S. MARINE  
MAKES GOOD.

In an official bulletin issued by Headquarters, United States Marine Corps, Washington, appears the name of Charles F. Smith, of Kenova, as having qualified as a marksman in that corps.

## FARMS! FARMS! FARMS!!!

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most interesting branch of the Government service.

Charles, who is a son of William G. Smith, of Kenova, enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at its San Diego, Cal., recruiting station on August 25, 1915, and is now serving at the barracks, naval station, Guam, Ladrones Island Group, where he is having many interesting and exciting experiences.

Considering the fact that Smith is scarcely more than a recruit, his performance in gunnery is looked upon by Marine Corps officials as little short of marvelous, and they expect him to break many marksmanship records before his enlistment expires.

## LEXINGTON WOMAN

Oders That Her Estill County Land  
Be "Dug Into" For Gold Which  
May Be Found There.

A Lexington woman, Mrs. R. E. Forman, may profit by the boom in Estill county, which has followed the discovery of an old book telling of the existence of a "gold mine" on "Happy Top" ridge by Simpson Cox, who has already started a crew of men to work with the view of unearthing the metal.

Mrs. Forman says that Mr. Cox is her uncle, and that she owns a 52-acre tract of land adjoining his place. She says that it has been a tradition in that section for years that the famous "Swift Silver Mine" was located in that portion of Estill county, bordering on Middle Fork, and that the reference to the "gold mine" in the old book found by her uncle probably refers to this. Anyhow, she says the belief is strong from reports that she has received from there that precious ore exists in that section, and whether it be gold or silver, she believes that it will be found in the near future.

Mrs. Norman says that she has directed that operations be begun on her land also, and that a force of men was put to work there the past week digging for the lost mine.—Lexington Leader.

LETCHER COUNTY  
AND WHITESBURG.

What is Happening in this  
Rich Coal Territory  
of Kentucky.

WHITESBURG, KY., April 4.—One of the most deplorable tragedies to occur in Letcher county in years took place at Kona station ten miles from here Friday evening at six o'clock when J. Henry Hall, superintendent of the Elkhorn Coal Co., and one of the best known and successful young coal operators in Eastern Kentucky was shot and dangerously wounded and Sam Marcum a well driller was almost instantly killed.

The particulars are as follows: Marcum, although a driller of wells had been doing mining work for the Elkhorn Coal Co. for a few weeks. A short time prior to the tragedy Marcum came to the company's store to purchase a pair of shoes. A question arose between Marcum and Ed L. Williams the store manager as to the time of paying for the shoes. Mr. Williams objecting, it is said, to carrying over the account to April. However, Marcum left the store, returning in a short time with his revolver. Soon after he returned the question was started by Marcum, he pulling his revolver and presenting it at Williams at close range. "I am going to kill you," he said. Williams turned a few steps to his desk, drew his revolver and fired at Marcum. The shot went wide of its mark. Marcum returned the fire. In the meantime superintendent Hall, acting as peacemaker ran between the participants, pushing Williams back.

The second shot from Marcum's pistol gave Mr. Hall his wound from behind. Williams second shot an instant later pierced Marcum's vitals. Marcum shot another which also missed his aim. He turned and ran toward his home fifty yards away, falling just outside the door, he expired without speaking. Hall's wounds were immediately dressed by Dr. Pigman, the ball having lodged near the breast. Saturday morning he was sent to a Lexington hospital for an operation in the hope of saving his life. Williams came to Whitesburg and gave himself up Saturday morning.

He executed bond for his appearance here next week when the shooting will be investigated by the grand jury. The latest reports from the Good Samaritan hospital in Lexington is to the effect that Hall is doing fairly well with good chances for his recovery. Marcum's body was brought here and interred in the Sandlick cemetery Sunday afternoon. The services at the grave were simple, though impressive. There is much regret expressed throughout the county over the sad occurrence. Marcum leaves a widow and one child. They will perhaps return to Harlan county, their former home. Hall came here two years ago from Lexington.

The wires of The Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co., reached Whitesburg a few days ago and further construction of the lines into the coal fields via Fleming, McRoberts and Jenkins and so on to Pikeville will be resumed and rushed rapidly forward.

This is one of the most important connections built in this end of the State in many years, and will give business interests connections with every section of the country, and prove a great convenience. The connection will be made with the Whitesburg Telephone company's switchboard here within a few days.

A party of coal officials, officials of The Elk Horn Mining Corporation headed by George W. Fleming vice president of the company made a tour of the vast operations of the company in the Fleming-Haymond-Hemphill coal fields above here a few days ago and expressed themselves as highly pleased with the activity of the mines, the splendid progress of the work. They were joined at Fleming by Judge Ed C. O'Rear of Frankfort, who is deeply interested in the development

of the Eastern Kentucky coal fields. Henry K. McHardy of The Virginia Coal Iron & Coke Co. was also an interested visitor here this week.

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The regular April term of the Letcher Circuit Court will convene here next Monday with Judge John F. Butler at the helm.

This perhaps will be the most interesting and important session of the year, as the large number of whiskey bootlegging and pistol cases are to be tried out. The grand jury will be asked, also, to investigate the illicit whiskey traffic now going on in Nees in this county, and in other sections of the coal fields. The officials are determined that the whiskey traffic must be put to an end. With whiskey and pistols put out crime would decrease to a large extent. With the assistance of Judge Butler this will be accomplished.

Louis Pilcher conducting a temperance campaign in this county held an interesting meeting at Polley west of here the past week where he received a goodly number of life pledges. Mr. Pilcher is extending the good work into every section of the county and good results are sure to follow. Already some good work has been done.

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The Whitesburg Telephone Co., is making plans for the construction of local telephone lines from this city via King's creek to Line Fork, making an important connection with one of the richest coal and timber sections, yet undeveloped, in Letcher county.

The work is to start soon. Manager A. G. Ramey will have charge of the construction work.

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A number of coal operators have been in the section immediately above Whitesburg within the past few days planning to make leases on coal lands for immediate development. The territory in the Thornton and Millstone section will likely get two or three operations this spring, at least indications are good.

ARE THE RURAL SCHOOLS  
IN KENTUCKY SANITARY?

The up-to-date farmer and his busy wife at this time of year, have harvested and stored their fall crops for the winter. They have provided not only comfortable but sanitary quarters for their chickens, hogs, cows and horses. Probably it would be well just now for them to turn their attention to the winter quarters in which the children will spend most of their time during the coming school months. In some rural school districts, an honest answer to the following questions would bring out the fact that the Kentucky child is not receiving the same scientific care that Kentucky hogs and horses are getting.

Is your district school comfortably heated and lighted? Is it swept and scrubbed regularly? Can the windows be lowered from the top, or do you rely on the cracks in the walls to provide proper ventilation?

Are the outhouses sanitary and adequate? Is there plenty of pure water and are individual drinking cups provided?

Is your teacher a trained expert in her line of work? You consult agricultural experts for advice on raising cattle or growing fruit; why not employ an expert to assist in rearing your child?

Has your school proper equipment including some good books and pictures, so that the teaching may be efficient and vital?

The scientific farmer is realizing that the greatest of all conservation is that which relates to the child. The child's welfare cannot be promoted without money expenditure and intelligent direction, and these two factors must operate to produce maximum efficiency in the rural school.

## PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS URGED

Having sold our business we are now at work collecting accounts and desire to close them up at the earliest possible date. Those owing the firm are requested to send remittance at once or call and arrange a satisfactory settlement within the next few days. 21. SNYDER HARDWARE CO. Louisville, Kentucky.

## URGES CARE IN SCHOOL CENSUS.

Frankfort, Ky., April 1.—In a statement sent out by State Supt. V. O. Gilbert to-day he urged the extraordinary importance of this year's scholastic census and enjoined particular care in the enumeration of school children in subdistricts. This census will be the basis of the apportionment of the school fund for 1916 and 1917.

It will be, moreover, he observes, the basis for all statistical information, and calls attention to the requirement that adult as well as minor illiterates must be enumerated by the trustees.

## Supt. Gilbert's Statement in Part.

His statement follows: By reason of the acts of the recent General Assembly this census of the school children of Kentucky is the most important that has been made. State Bill 85, codification of the school census shall hereafter be taken biennially instead of annually. This will result in a saving of about \$40,000, and makes it very important that we get a perfect census. It is my purpose to have the school inspectors thoroughly censor this census.

The school law, Section 122, makes it compulsory upon the trustee of each school subdistrict in the month of April, heretofore each year—hereafter each two years, to make and return to the County Superintendent a complete census of the children of school age residing in his district. Also, he shall make a complete census of all illiterate children of school age, with the names of their parents or guardians and their post office address. Also, the names of all children of school age who have completed the common school course, together with their ages. Also, the names of the children who are attending school outside of the district in which they reside.

## MATTIE.

Farming is all the go now. Mrs. Lou Ball was visiting Mrs. Att Ball Sunday.

There will be church here Sunday, April 9th, by Rev. George Adams. Stella and Bertha Moore were the guests of Bessie and Lillie Moore Sunday afternoon.

day afternoon. W. A. Castle passed up our creek Saturday.

Mrs. J. D. Ball spent Sunday with Mrs. B. F. Moore.

Fred Short was on Brushy Sunday. Jettie and Estill Hays made a trip to Mattie Sunday afternoon.

Milt Wellman of Rich creek was here recently.

Lula Moore was the guest of her cousin Minnie Moore Sunday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Zealie Hays, a fine girl.

Mrs. D. B. Johnson of Burdine is here visiting relatives.

## HAPPY SUSAN.

## VETERAN EDITOR DIES.

Col. Spencer Cooper, Formerly of Hazel Green, Passes At Soldiers' Home.

Lexington, Ky., March 31.—Col. Spencer Cooper, 70 years old, for years the veteran editor of the Hazel Green, Ky., Herald, made famous under his management in Max Orell's "Jonathan and His Continent," is dead at the Soldiers' Home at Dayton, O. Col. Cooper was formerly in the printing business in this city, but about thirty years ago located at Hazel Green, where he established the Herald, which he edited until a few months ago, when he was compelled, on account of failing health, to retire.

Col. Cooper served through the Civil War in the Union army and afterwards married Miss Sallie E. Bush, of this city, who died about two years ago. News of his death, which was due to paralysis, was received in a telegram to his nephew, Charlton Cooper, here at noon to-day. The burial will be in the cemetery at the Soldiers' Home Monday afternoon.

## ADAMS EXPRESS

Now Holds the Controlling Interest in the Southern.

New York, April 2.—William M. Barrett, President of the Adams Express Company, announced here tonight that the controlling interest in the Southern Express Company had been acquired by his company. He said, however, that there would be no change in the management of the Southern, that Morton F. Plant will remain as Chairman of the Board of Directors; T. W. Leary as President, and E. M. Williams as Vice President.

## HAPPY TOP TORN UP.

"Happy Top" Ridge in Estill-co., is beginning to look like the battlefields around Verdun, according to reports received here, the surface of the ground being torn with ditches, mines and craters, the incentive being to locate a gold mine from an old book that Simpson Cox, a farmer of that neighborhood, recently came across, in which it was stated that such mine was located on the ridge. Mrs. R. E. Forman, of 208 East Fifth-st., in this city, who owns fifty-two acres adjoining the arm of Mr. Cox, who is her uncle, went to the scene when she heard of the discovery of the book, and telephoned to friends in this city today that Mr. Cox had a large force of men working to unearth the mine, and that she had directed that operations be begun on her lands also.—Lexington Herald.

## MOUNTAIN YOUTHS

## WOULD CHASE VILLA.

Winchester, Ky., March 30.—Six mountain youths, declaring themselves anxious to join the Mexican expedition in search of Villa, arrived in Winchester yesterday morning and were sent to Lexington to the nearest recruiting station. They are all crack shots of the mountains, and expressed themselves as anxious to join the sharpshooters. Their names are Luther Turner, Cleve Dale, Dan Muse, Robert Giltner, Walter Brewer and Roy Adkins.

WANT FORMER GOVERNOR  
ON THE BIG FOUR.

Friends of former Governor James B. McCreary have begun an active canvass in his behalf to secure for him representation as delegate-at-large from Kentucky to the Democratic National convention in St. Louis. Senators James and Beckham and Governor Stanley are said to be certain as to three of the delegation, and a strong effort will be made to have the former Governor made the fourth member.

There is some talk of the Democrats following the course adopted by the Republicans and naming eight delegates-at-large, with one-half vote each in order to accommodate other prominent party men on the delegation. Gen. W. B. Haldeman, former Senator Johnson N. Camden, State Chairman S. W. Hager and Judge Allie W. Young are mentioned favorably in case that course is followed.—State Journal.

## RELIABLE REMEDY

## RESTORES KIDNEYS.

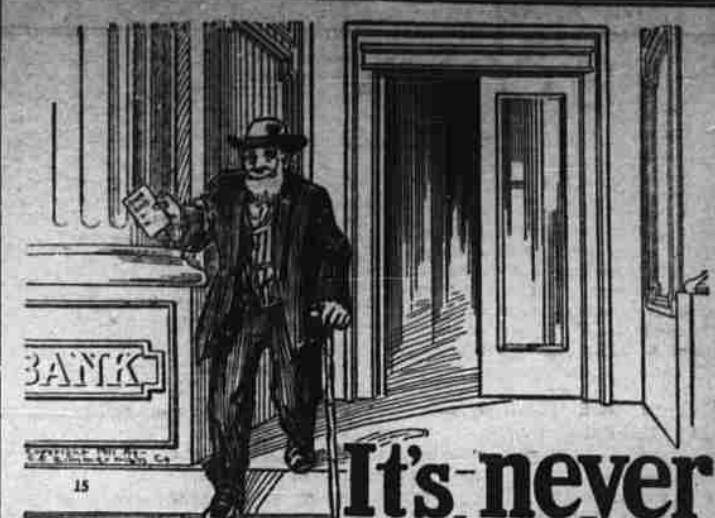
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## New Richmond, O., March 29.—According to the Federal investigators, the affairs of the defunct First National bank of this city are the worst ever encountered. The examiners say that the bank's bookkeeping was so loose that they can not tell the difference between creditors and debtors. It is reported that the deficit is many thousands of dollars, and that the stockholders will be called upon to make good twice the amount of their stock. It is rumored that there will be criminal prosecutions. The depositors will lose between \$60,000 and \$100,000, it is reported.

The NEWS is sorry to say that some well known people of this place and vicinity had money in the defunct bank.

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